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1. SUMMARY: GOH 1974 BUDGET GLOBAL FIGURES RELEASED. TOTAL IS L. 329.1 MILLION.# INCREASE IS 21 PERCENT OVER 1973 (NOT INCLUDING L.14 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL IN 1973). BUDGET REFLECTS NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL/RURAL DEVELOPMENT. GIVEN RATE OF INFLATION (4.7 PERCENT IN FIRST NINE MONTHS), AUSTERITY NATURE OF 1973 BUDGET, AND IMPROVED FINANCIAL POSITION OF GOVERNMENT, 21 PERCENT INCREASE IN 1974 BUDGET APPEARS EXPANSIVE, BUT REASONABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. 1974 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS AMONG MINISTRIES DEMONSTRATE SHIFT TOWARD MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES (UP 72 PERCENT TO L.29 MILLION), MINISTRY OF ECONOMY (UP 60 PERCENT TO L.5.8 MILLION), MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH (UP 22 PERCENT TO L.28 MILLION), THE EXECUTIVE (UP 63 PERCENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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L.87 MILLION), AND MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL

SECURITY (UP 35 PERCENT TO L.10 MILLION).

- 3. BELOW AVERAGE IN INCREASE IS DEFENSE (UP ** PERCENT TO L.33 MILLION), EDUCATION (UP 13 PERCENT TO L.68 MILLION), JUSTICE (UP 6 PERCENT TO L.4.4 MILLION), FOREIGN RELATIONS (UP 12 PERCENT TO L.38 MILLION) AND PAYMENTS ON PUBLIC DEBT (UP 12 PERCENT TO L.51 MILLION).
- 4. OF L.92 MILLION DESTINED FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT, L.52 MILLION ARE EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FINANCING THROUGH AID, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.
- 5. DATA ON INCOME, DEFICIT, AND FINANCING NOT YET RELEASED.
- 6. COMMENT: 21 PERCENT INCREASE IN TOTAL BUDGET OVER
 1973 (15 PERCENT INCREASE IF L.14 MILLION SUPPLEMENTARY
 BUDGET OF AUGUST IS INCLUDED) APPEARS TO BE SIGNIFICANT
 ACTIVATION OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES CLOSELY TIED TO NEW
 DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THIS STRONGLY REFLECTED IN RELATIVE
 GROWTH OF MINISTERIAL BUDGETS. FURTHER INFORMATION AND
 ANALYSES WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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